

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

A Century of Dedication



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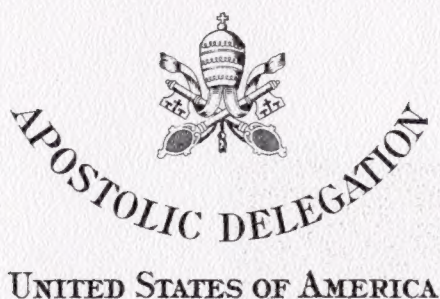


Immaculate
Conception
Church

4129 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

WE KEEP thanking God
always for all of you, constantly re-
membering you in our prayers, mind-
ful as we are before our God and
Father of the work of your faith, the
labor of your love, and the constancy
of your hope fixed on our Lord Jesus
Christ.

(1 Thes 1, 2-3)



*3339 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington 8, D. C.*

April 17, 1965

Reverend and dear Father:

I am pleased to inform you that on the Centennial Anniversary of Immaculate Conception Parish, our Most Holy Father, Pope Paul VI, has graciously deigned to impart his Apostolic Benediction upon you, the clergy and religious associated with you, all the parishioners, and all who join in observing this memorable event.

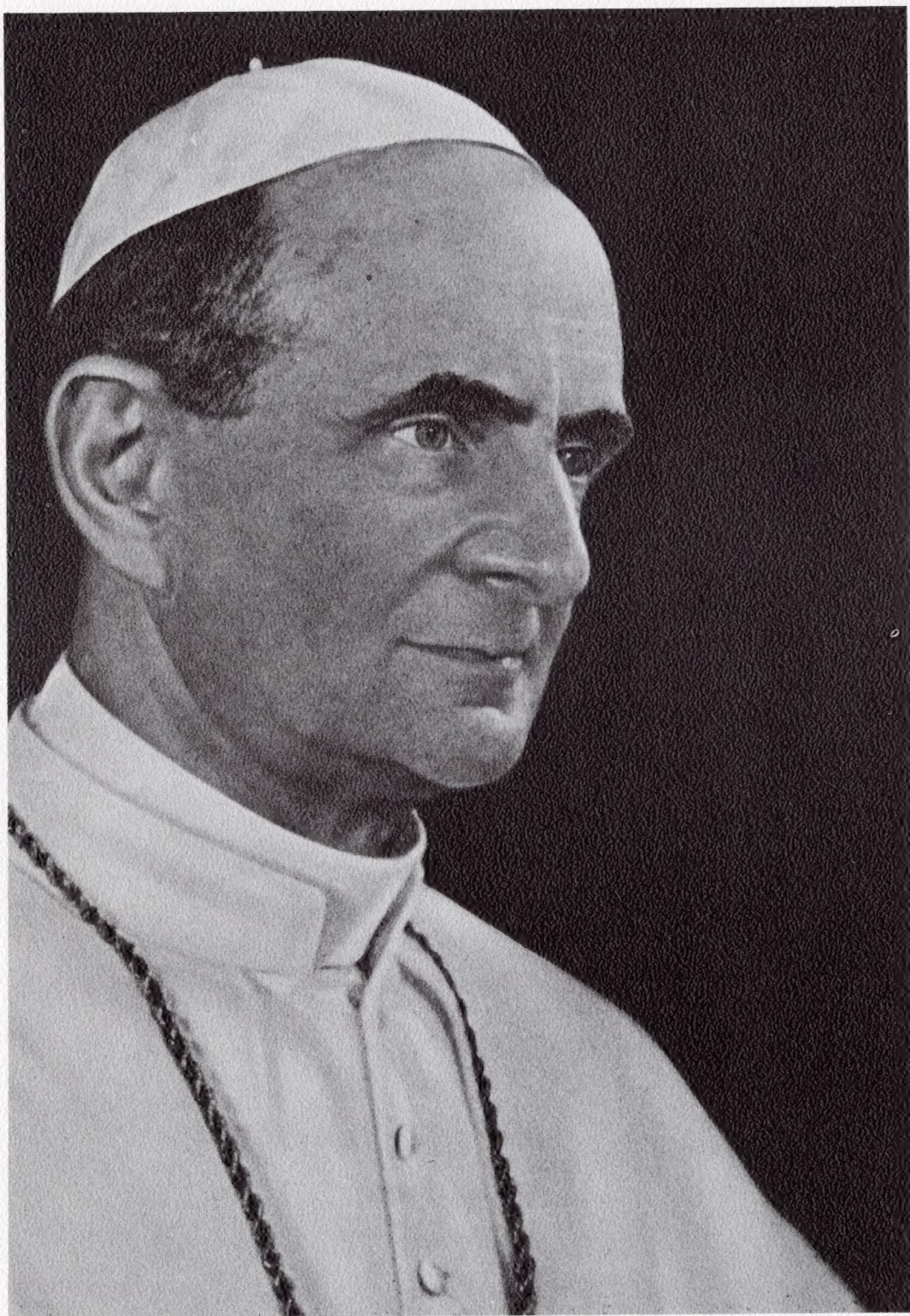
The observance of this Anniversary marks the beginning of a new chapter in the history of Immaculate Conception Parish. It is a day of prayer in deep gratitude for the many blessings of the past years; it is also an occasion to beg of Almighty God His continued care and protection in the years that lie ahead.


To this Blessing of the Sovereign Pontiff, I wish to join my personal congratulations and best wishes. With sentiments of esteem and renewed felicitations, I remain

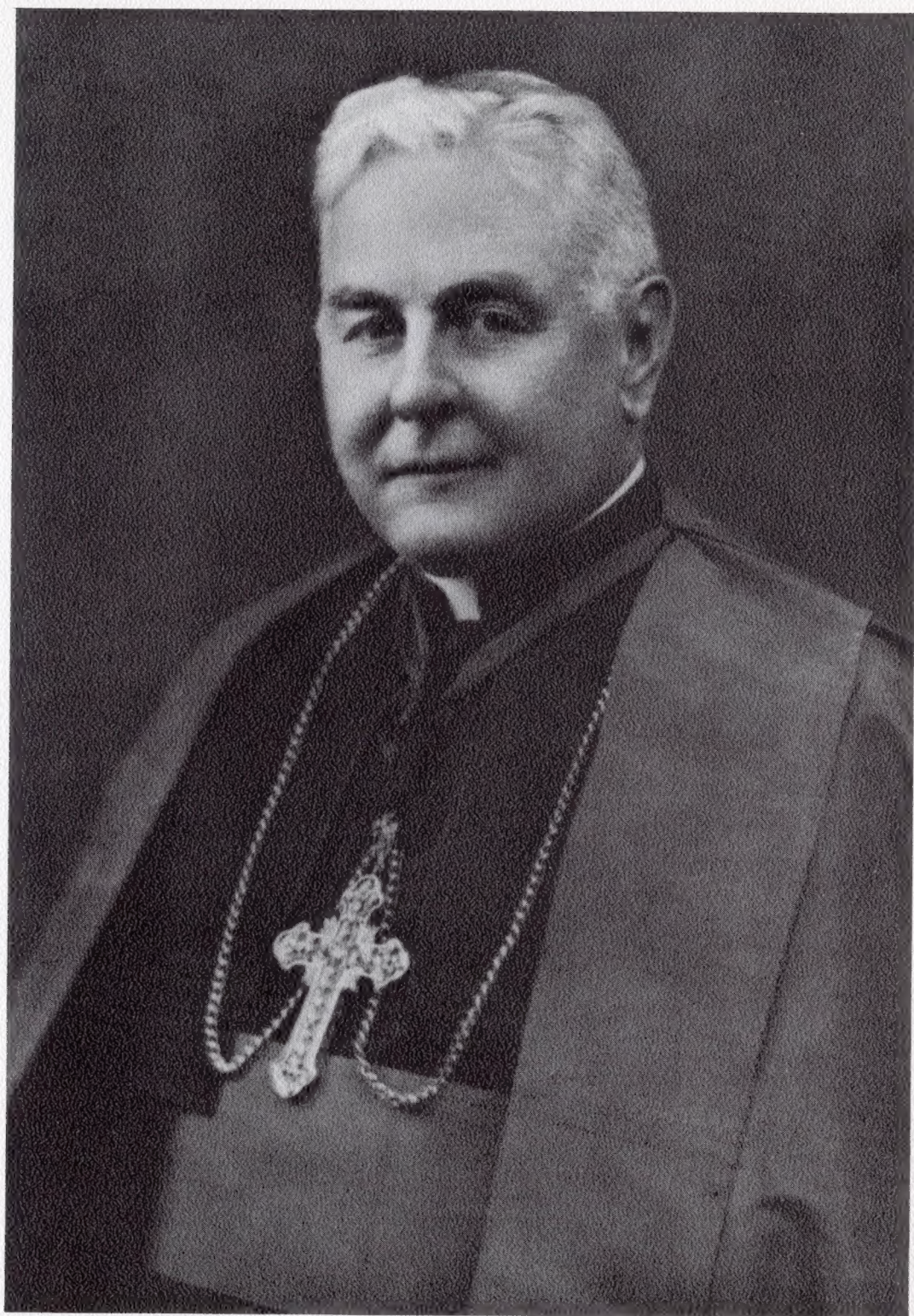
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *L. Rognoni*
Apostolic Delegate

Reverend Joseph V. Butler
Pastor
Immaculate Conception Parish
Cleveland, Ohio



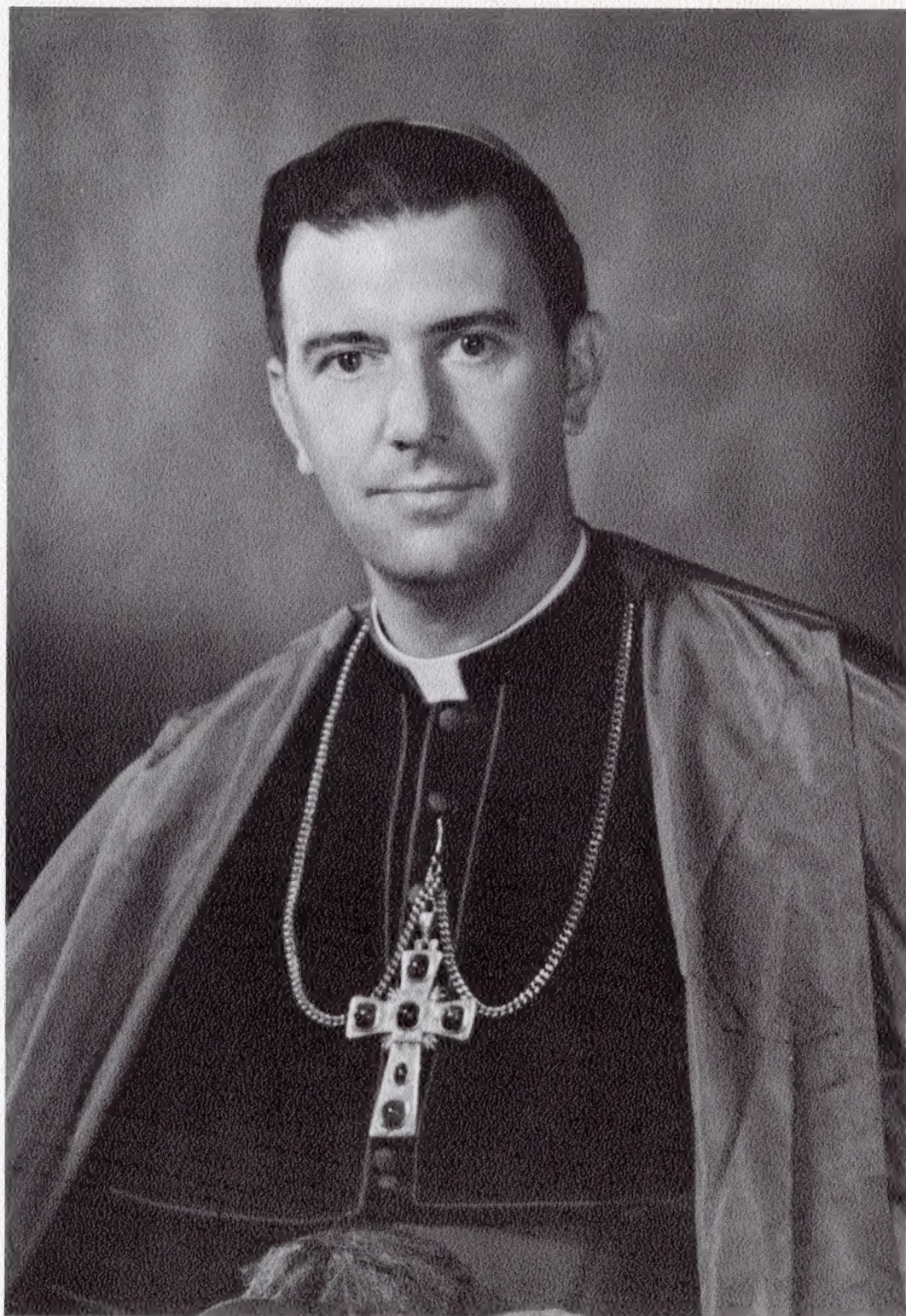
is Holiness Pope Paul VI
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Vicar of Christ



SMost Reverend Edward F. Hoban, STD, PhD, LLD
Archbishop-Bishop of Cleveland



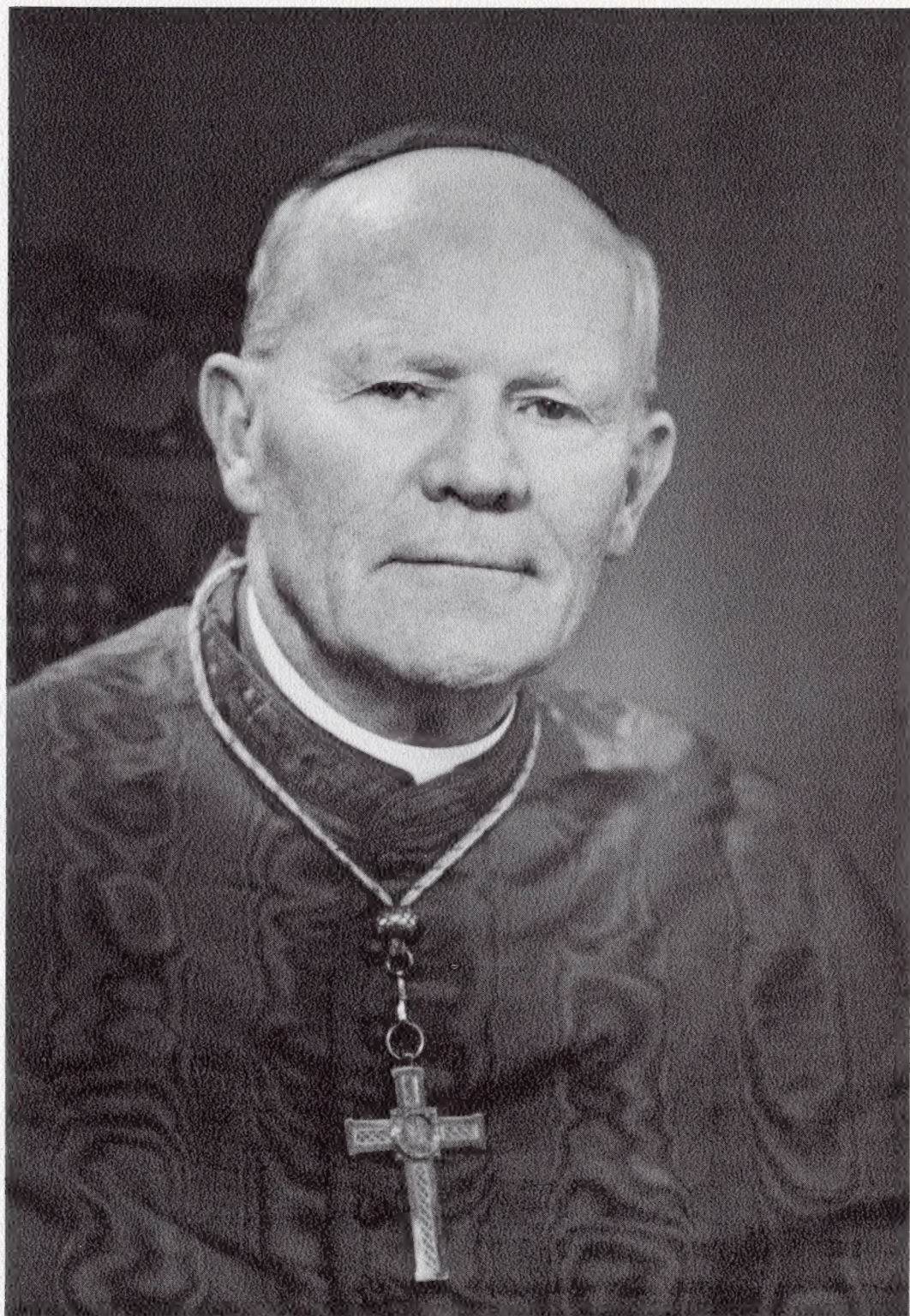
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Coadjutor Bishop of Cleveland
Apostolic Administrator



Most Reverend John F. Whealon, STL, SSL, DD
Auxiliary Bishop, Vicar General



Most Reverend Clarence E. Elwell, DD, PhD
Auxiliary Bishop, Vicar General
School Superintendent



Most Reverend Joseph P. Hurley, DD
Archbishop-Bishop of St. Augustine, Florida



(R)everend Joseph P. Butler
Pastor, Immaculate Conception Church



SReverend Francis D. Curran
Assistant Pastor, Immaculate Conception Church



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH HISTORY



ON COMING to Cleveland, Bishop Rappe was forced to make St. Mary on the Flats his pro-cathedral; for it was the only Catholic church in the city. Father McLaughlin had purchased four lots at the corner of East 9th and Superior. Bishop Rappe, after being in Cleveland only one year, purchased the five adjoining lots. Late in 1848, he began building his cathedral where still our cathedral stands. Knowing, however, that the cathedral would be some years in building, the first step in that direction was to erect a temporary frame church, which would serve as a chapel of ease to the pro-Cathedral. This frame structure was completed in December, 1848; and because the first Mass was offered therein on Christmas Day, 1848, it was called the Chapel of the Nativity.

The cathedral was four years in building, and during those four years the Chapel of the Nativity served as a chapel of ease to the pro-Cathedral. Finally in November, 1852, the cathedral was consecrated under the patronage of St. John the Evangelist. For a few years afterwards, the Chapel of the Nativity, standing next to the cathedral, was used as a school.

Although Immaculate Conception achieved parochial status only in 1865, its proper history begins ten years earlier. The population of Cleveland had surpassed 20,000 by 1850; and by 1855, it was probably about 30,000. The city was necessarily spreading rapidly Eastward. In 1855 the frame Chapel of the Nativity was moved intact up Superior Street to the present site of Immaculate Conception Church. It seems probable that the name Immaculate Conception was attached to the chapel from this time. In its new situation, the chapel became once more a place of worship, a chapel of ease again—but now a chapel of ease not to the former pro-Cathedral of St. Mary on the Flats, but to the cathedral itself. The term “chapel of ease” is very self-explanatory: the Immaculate Conception chapel was not yet a church serving a separate parish, but a chapel at some distance from the mother church, in this case the cathedral, for the ease or convenience of parishioners who lived at some distance from the mother church. In these early years, people came from as far away as Euclid to attend Mass at the Immaculate Conception; and while it saved only a small part of their journey for those who lived so far from the Cathedral, the Immaculate Conception Chapel was a convenience to them as well as to those who lived in its more immediate neighborhood. The chapel seated about two hundred people.

In 1865, residency in the neighborhood of Immaculate Conception had so increased that Bishop Rappe decided to make it a new parish. He sent the people of Immaculate Conception their first resident pastor in the person of Father Andrew Sauvadet. Father Sauvadet was born in France, and had been educated in seminaries both in his native country and in Montreal, Canada. He was received into the Diocese of Cleveland from Canada early in 1865, and his first appointment here, given him on May 1, 1865, was to the pastorate of Immaculate Conception. On coming to Immaculate Conception, Father Sauvadet found that his parish consisted of about one hundred families. Father Sauvadet built a brick parish house which remained the pastoral residence until 1892, and a fine brick school which remained in use until 19—.

In September 1870, a French speaking priest was needed to undertake the pastorship of Annunciation Parish, and Father Sauvadet was the logical choice for the appointment. Obligated to leave his first pastorate and the parish he had founded, Father Sauvadet was succeeded in the pastorate of Immaculate Conception by Father Thomas P. Thorpe.

When Father Thorpe came to Immaculate Conception in September, 1870, he found that he had a suitable rectory, a fine school, but a very inadequate frame church and a debt of \$14,000. In those days \$14,000 was a very handsome sum indeed; and indebtedness to that extent would have caused many a sleepless night to a man other than Father Thorpe. He knew only one solution, however; and with the cooperation of his generous people he paid the debt, and indeed, he paid it within a few months of his coming there. The old frame church, low-ceilinged and dark, seating only about two hundred people, was wholly inadequate. Father Thorpe was already nourishing the idea of the grand church he would eventually complete. He realized that such an undertaking must proceed slowly, step by step; but now, at the very beginning, his plans received their first set-back.

Before leaving for Rome to attend the Vatican Council in 1869, Bishop Rappe had expressed his intention to erect a chapel of ease for the convenience of the elderly and a school for the convenience of the very young, in the general neighborhood of East 26th Street. Because of certain pressures, both within and without his diocese, Bishop Rappe resigned his charge in July, 1870. Father Hannin, administrator of the diocese, pushed ahead with the plan in 1871; but apparently he misunderstood the intention of the Bishop and the needs of the area. Instead of erecting a chapel of ease, he formed a new parish, dedicated to St. Columbkille. In the adjustment of boundary lines between St. Columbkille, Immaculate and the Cathedral, Immaculate Conception lost the territory between East 30th and East 33rd Streets, and about eighty families had to be removed from the parish roster. In 1872, Bishop Gilmour reduced St. Columbkille parish to the status of a chapel of ease to the cathedral, which it remained until 1900. It was not possible, of course, to restore any lost territory to Immaculate Conception. The damage there was already done, and only time could repair the loss of so many parishioners.

With a parish reduced in 1871 to one hundred and seventy-five families, Father Thorpe took careful stock of his situation and then decided to continue with his plan of building a permanent church. He must, of course, proceed slowly. In 1872, by which time he had freed the parish of its old debts, he erected a temporary frame church. It was not an especially handsome structure, nor was it intended to be anything except functional. It seated about nine hundred people, and would serve its purpose well until the permanent church could be built. The cornerstone of the present Immaculate Conception Church was laid by Bishop Gilmour two days after the Feast of the Assumption, on August 17, 1873. The parish was growing rapidly and the loss sustained two years earlier had nearly replaced itself. There were now two hundred and twenty-five families in the parish.

In June, 1876, Father Thorpe was transferred from Immaculate Conception to be rector of the cathedral. His successor, the third pastor of Immaculate Conception, was Father Alexander R. Sidley.

On coming to Immaculate Conception, Father Sidley found the Church still in a rather early stage of construction. The plan had been drawn for a building one hundred and seventy-six by seventy-three feet in the main and by eighty-five feet in the transept. It was to have a clere-story with apex of nave eighty-three feet from the floor. The two flanking spires would be respectively two hundred and fifty, and two hundred feet in height. In 1876, however, the work had been raised only to a point seventeen feet above the water table. In the six years of his

pastorate Father Thorpe had expended more than \$66,000 in current expenses and parish improvements. Although the parish debt was now only a few hundred dollars, Father Sidley thought it advisable to suspend the work of construction of the new church. No doubt he wanted cash in hand before continuing.

In 1880 Father Sidley was forced to a decision. The temporary frame church of 1872 was now in need of repair, and with the congregation rapidly increasing, it would soon be too small. In the autumn of 1880, a public meeting of pastor and congregation was held, and all were agreed that the wiser course would be to take a loan for the completion of the stone church. The plan of the church was modified somewhat in the interests of economy. It was decided to eliminate the spires for the present. The clere-story also was eliminated for the sake of economy; and, of course, after the clere-story has been erased from the plans it was never again possible to restore it. Many other desirable but unessential features were eliminated from the plan of the interior of the church. In the spring of 1881, the work of construction was resumed, and by the end of 1882 the new church was enclosed. The basement of the new structure was used as a temporary chapel, and the temporary frame church which had been erected in 1872 was now torn down. Another loan was taken which made it possible to plaster the upper church, provide it with a temporary altar and install the fine stained glass windows. On Sunday, May 31, 1885, the Church of the Immaculate Conception was dedicated in a ceremony conducted by Msgr. Felix Boff, who was administrator of the diocese in the absence of Bishop Gilmour, then in Europe. The church was, of course, still uncompleted; but it was in a satisfactory condition to serve as a permanent house of worship for as long as might be necessary.

In the years that immediately followed, work was plenty and wages were good. The iron mills were multiplying and factories of various kinds were spreading along the Lake shore. By about 1890, Father Sidley had reduced the debt of the congregation to \$24,000. The old pastoral residence built by Father Sauvadet needed replacing. A new rectory, the present parish house, was built at a cost of \$16,000. It was ready to be occupied in March, 1892. Father Sidley lived in this new house only eighteen months. Worn out by his labors, he died at the early age of fifty-one, on October 14th, 1893.

Father Thorpe, now Monsignor Thorpe, who had been rector of the cathedral for seventeen years, asked Bishop Horstmann to return him to Immaculate Conception. His request was graciously granted, and on November 14, 1893, he who had been Father Sidley's predecessor became likewise his successor in the pastorate of the Immaculate Conception.

The times were quick to change. Whereas the late 1880's were years of plenty, Msgr. Thorpe's return to Immaculate Conception came in the midst of a financial depression. The cloth mills were silent, and workmen were idle; and again, as so often happens, history repeated itself. When he first considered the building of Immaculate Conception Church in the early 1870's, Father Thorpe suffered a setback through the loss of a considerable number of parishioners to the newly formed St. Columbkille parish. Now, looking about for a way to bring the construction of his church to completion, what should he find but that the parish had just suffered another loss of territory and parishioners to the newly-formed St. Agnes parish. Trusting always in God, Msgr. Thorpe pushed ahead with all needed expenditures in spite of the difficulties of the times.

The parish debt in 1893 was \$32,000. The old school building of Father Sauvadet's pastorate had already been condemned as unsafe. Father Thorpe succeeded in having the condemnation removed by rebuilding and strengthening the sustaining walls and by making

various modifications in the interior. By 1896 he had installed new altars in the church, the interior of which he frescoed and entirely redecorated. He installed a set of massive oak-framed stations of the cross, and graced the sanctuary with rich statuary. The original plan of the church had called for two flanking spires of two hundred and fifty, and two hundred feet respectively. In the interests of economy, Father Sidley had abandoned this part of the structure, and the exterior of the church was rather ungraceful, the upper corners of the church front being simply squared off at a point several feet below the peak of the roof. Desiring to give the church a more elegant appearance of completion, Msgr. Thorpe took up anew the question of adding the spires. Making a happy change in the original plan, he brought the exterior of the church to the appearance it has today. In 1898 he added the bell tower, which measures one hundred and forty-nine feet and eight inches in height. The builder employed on the tower was Mr. Mulligan, the father of Msgr. Thomas Mulligan, the present pastor of St. Timothy parish. In the following year, 1899, a chime of eleven bells was installed in the tower. The next year, 1900, saw the completion of the opposing clock tower.

The entire cost of the church had been \$210,000; and this debt had already been paid in full when, on December 10, 1904, the church was solemnly consecrated by Bishop Horstmann. The sermon was delivered on this grand occasion by Archbishop, later Cardinal, Glennon. Immaculate Conception was always Msgr. Thorpe's proudest boast and his first concern. It was his final pastorate. He died on St. Patrick's Day, 1907, and was deeply mourned by his parishioners who loved him for the father that he was.

Successor to Msgr. Thorpe on April 14, 1907, and fifth priest to hold the pastorate of Immaculate Conception, was the Reverend Doctor Patrick Farrell.

After less than one month at Immaculate Conception, Dr. Farrell established a social club for the young men of the parish, calling it **The Thorpe Club** in memory of their late beloved pastor. The most serious problem which confronted Dr. Farrell at Immaculate Conception was that of the long over-burdened school. Its physical condition was such that it was beyond repair, and it was nothing short of a menace to the safety of the children. A new school was absolutely essential. Dr. Farrell purchased a frame building at the corner of Superior Avenue and East 43rd St. By renovating its interior, he was able to supply the parish, on a temporary basis, three new school rooms. He then proceeded to have plans drawn for a permanent school. In God's providence, however, fulfillment of the plans had to be left to his successor. Dr. Farrell's pastorate at Immaculate Conception lasted only two years. He died on May 1, 1909, nineteen years a priest.

The sixth pastor of Immaculate Conception, successor to Rev. Dr. Farrell, was the Rev. Dr. George Murphy. Doctor Murphy made necessary repairs on the church, school, and parish house, but the plan for a new school which Dr. Farrell had initiated had to be shelved for a few years. Finally in 1914 Doctor Murphy was able to proceed with the building of the school. The architect for the structure was Henry Augustine Walsh, who had not yet achieved the great fame which later attached to his name. He eventually became one of the best known and most reknowned architects in the United States; and Immaculate Conception school, with its severe Jacobean lines, stands as a testimonial to his greatness. The school was completed and occupied in 1916.

In 1928 Bishop Schrembs founded the Sister's College of Cleveland, the historical predecessor of St. John College. Monsignor (Later Bishop) Hagan was appointed Director of Education, and his first concern was to raise the quality of the parochial schools so that we could meet the same standards of education and requirements for teachers which were set in the public school system. In the furthering of this end, Immacu-

late Conception School was made an observation school and teacher training center. The school acquitted itself nobly in its task. From its foundation nearly one hundred years ago, Immaculate Conception school has been ably staffed by the nuns of the Ursuline Community.

In 1929 the many attainments and exceptional pastoral gifts of Dr. Murphy were given some recognition by his elevation to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Monsignor.

The pastorate of Doctor Murphy was the longest in the history of Immaculate Conception parish, much longer even than the two tenures of Msgr. Thorpe. Doctor Murphy died on July 25, 1942, after more than thirty-three years as pastor of Immaculate Conception. He was much beloved by his people, and after more than twenty years his memory is still a living force in the parish.

The successor to Doctor Murphy on January, 1943, and the seventh pastor of Immaculate Conception, was Father William T. Moran.

The pastorate of Father William T. Moran was, like that of Dr. Farrell, a very short one. Father Moran made plans to renovate and beautify the parish properties, and conducted a successful fund-raising campaign with that purpose in mind. The work of renovation was begun in the spring of 1944, but Father Moran did not live to see it completed. He died on September 1, 1945, after a pastorate of only twenty months.

The eighth pastor of Immaculate Conception, succeeding Father Moran on Oct. 25, 1945, was Father Leonard V. Wheatley. Father Wheatley continued immediately the work begun by Father Moran. He had the interior of the church redecorated, installed new light fixtures, laid a flooring of asphalt tile, and did considerable work in remodelling the altar. A few years later he had the church steps repaired, laid new sidewalks along the entire front of the parish property, and had new doors installed on the church. The high point of the improvements made by Father Wheatley came on October 10, 1954, with the dedication of the Grotto and Shrine of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. This beautiful outdoor shrine was designed and built by the Holy Name Society in association with the Men's Club. The statue of the Immaculate Conception was purchased with the donation of the school children. The shrine was erected during the Marian Year; and on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1954, Archbishop Hoban closed the Marian Year with a Solemn Pontifical Mass in Immaculate Conception Church.

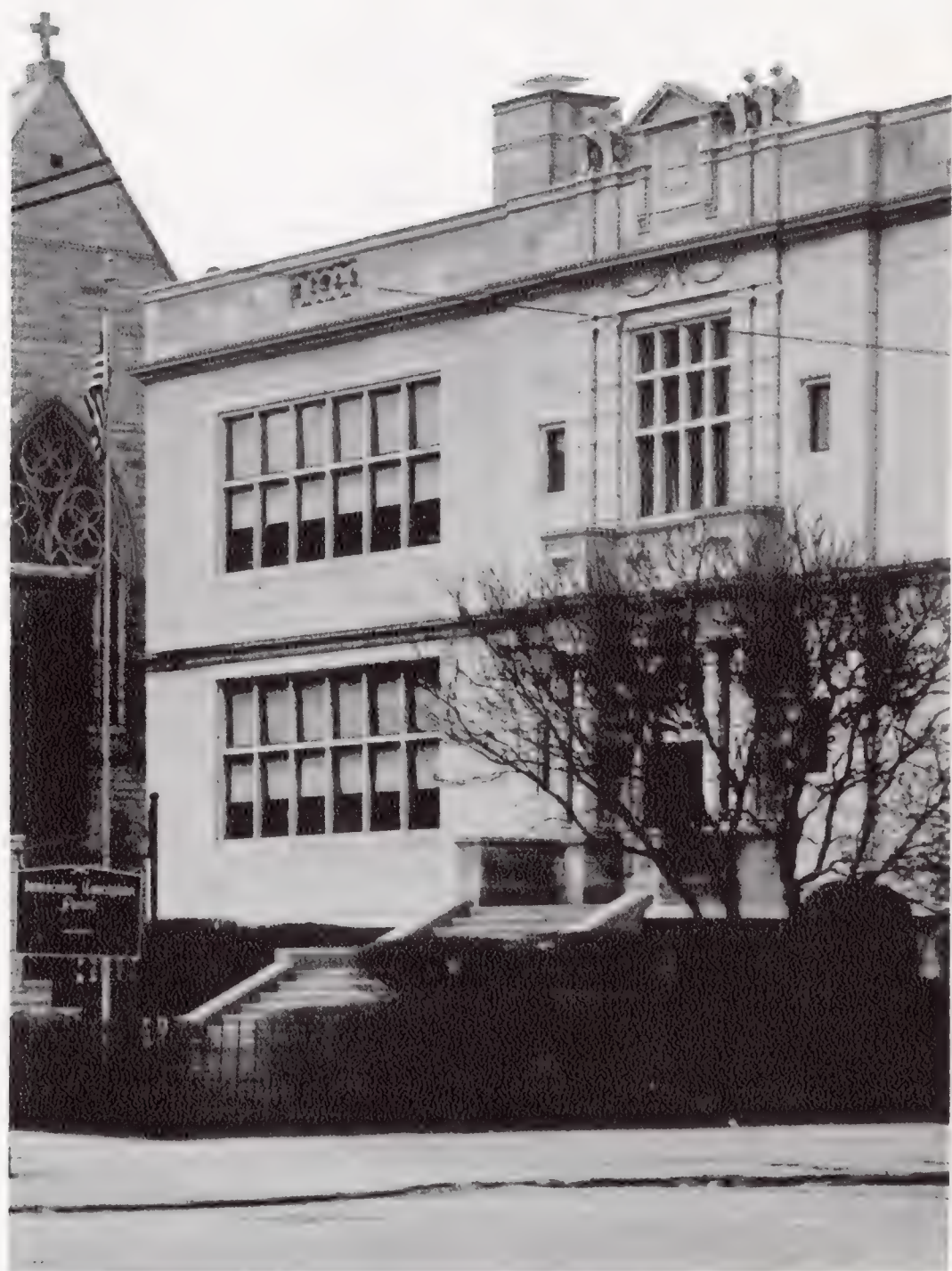
On June 7, 1956, Father Wheatley was transferred to the pastorate of Annunciation parish in Akron, the post which he presently holds. He was succeeded by the ninth pastor of Immaculate Conception, Father Caspar Heimann, on June 7, 1956.

Father Heimann remained at Immaculate Conception only two years, being transferred to his present post as pastor of St. Francis parish on March 20, 1958. His successor, tenth pastor of Immaculate Conception, was Father James L. Hernan on March 20, 1958. Fr. Hernan remained in the pastorate of Immaculate Conception for more than three years until June, 1961, when he was transferred to the pastorate of St. Paul parish in Euclid.

Father Hernan's successor on June 8, 1961 and the eleventh pastor of Immaculate Conception was Father Bernard A. Blatt. He died suddenly on May 25, 1964, after a short pastorate of three years.

During the pastorates of Father Heimann, Father Hernan, and Father Blatt, many repairs and improvements were made. A new heating system was installed by Father Heimann. The Church and Parish House were cleaned and decorated inside and out by Father Hernan. The School and Thorpe Hall were cleaned outside by Father Blatt.

The twelfth and present pastor of Immaculate Conception is Father Joseph V. Butler—appointed to succeed Father Blatt on June 11, 1964.



A SHORT HISTORY OF THE URSULINE NUNS

A CENTURY OF DEDICATION



THE CENTURY-OLD history of Immaculate Conception Parish could never be written in its entirety without a figurative "standing ovation" for the Ursuline Nuns who have been associated with our wonderful parish since its founding in 1865. Mother St. Peter, the first principal, and her co-worker initiated the humble educational beginnings in a makeshift schoolhouse while the building of a new school was in progress. The temporary school consisted of two classrooms in the old frame building, which had served as a chapel for the Catholics in the district before the parish was formally founded.

When the new school was built (about 1867) the teaching corps increased to three. Associated with Mother St. Peter in those pioneering days were Mother St. Gabriel and Mother M. Philomena. The use of the term "Mother" was used by the Ursulines until the turn of the century, when it gradually gave way to the title of "Sister." Now the title "Mother" is given only to the officers of the Community.

Mother St. Peter served as principal until 1887. She was a woman of great faith and unusual ability—two possessions which enabled her to adjust admirably to the pioneering demands of the day.

Mother M. Bernard followed Mother St. Peter in the office of principal and among her successors were: Mother Margaret Mary, Mother Letitia, Mother Loyola, Mother Clotilde, and Mother Eulalia (who later became Superior of the Community).

Mother Apollonia acted as principal during Monsignor Thorpe's time and retained that position for fourteen years (1894-1908). Associated with her during that time was Monsignor Thorpe's niece, Mother Aquinas, who succeeded Mother Apollonia as principal. When Mother Apollonia celebrated her Golden Jubilee of Profession in 1938, a celebration was held at Immaculate Conception in her honor. Many of her former pupils were present and the officers of the Mass were of their number.

Mother Aquinas died suddenly of pneumonia in December, 1912. Sister Lelia, an able administrator, was appointed her successor.

Monsignor Thorpe died in 1907 and the Reverend Patrick Farrell became pastor. He had been in poor health for some time and served as pastor for only a short time. He died in May, 1909. A former assistant, Reverend George F. Murphy, returned to the parish as its new pastor. It was he who drew up plans for a new school to relieve the overcrowded conditions of the old building.

The cornerstone of the new building was laid in 1915 and the school was ready for occupancy in 1916. Today it stands as a beautiful stone monument to the memory of Monsignor Murphy and the nuns, many of whom are deceased, who struggled in those early days to inculcate Christian principles and secular knowledge in those souls placed in their capable hands. Many stories are told about the kindness and understanding exhibited by the nuns who taught at the Immaculate Conception.

As the years rolled on, each new pastor and principal contributed to the upkeep and updating of the present school—both spiritually and

temporally. The old building was finally razed during the summer of 1943. Some of the major improvements that have taken place in the present school building over the years have been the installation of

fluorescent lighting, movable classroom furniture, large bulletin boards, new windows and shades throughout, and new floorings. Within the last four years the school office was completely refurbished and the building was sandblasted.

Immaculate Conception has been affiliated with St. John College of Cleveland since 1928 in the capacity of Observation School and Teacher Training Center. St. John College, originally called Sisters' College of Cleveland, was founded by Archbishop Joseph Schrembs for the training of elementary teachers. Monsignor John R. Hagan was appointed Superintendent of Education and it was he who designated the Teacher Training Centers.

The first Ursuline Nun from the parish, as far as the records show, was Mother Veronica, who later became Superior of the Community. Another Ursuline who entered from the parish is Mother M. Celestine, who now resides at the new Motherhouse in Pepper Pike. She also served as General Superior of the Community. Her repertoire of stories and facts about the early days at Immaculate Conception is noteworthy because she was a vital part of that era of the school's history. Since that time there have been many vocations to the priesthood and the Sisterhood. Here again, one cannot underestimate the powerful influence exerted by the good nuns who fostered these vocations. Many of their charges turned to other professions and became successful citizens in their chosen fields. Although several are now deceased, a surprising number will be present for our centennial. They will not have forgotten the education they received from the Ursuline Nuns at Immaculate Conception.



PRINCIPALS OF THE SCHOOL

Mother St. Peter	1865-1887	Sister M. Charlotte	1943-1944
Mother M. Bernard	1887-1888	Sister Mary Leonard	1944-1945
Mother Margaret Mary	1888-1890	Sister M. Blanche	1945-1951
Mother M. Letitia	1890-1892	Sister M. Gilbert	1951-1953
Mother M. Loyola	1892-1894	Sister M. Naomi	1953-1959
Mother M. Apollonia	1894-1908	Sister M. Carlotta	1959-1962
Mother M. Aquinas	1908-1912	Sister Mary Joan	1962-
Sister M. Lelia	1912-1914	Sister M. Aquinas	1928-1932
Sister M. Theodora	1914-1922	Sister M. Anita	1932-1938
Sister Miriam	1922-1928	Sister Martin Mary	1938-1943

The Pastors of Immaculate Conception Parish

Rev. Andrew Sauvadet: May 1865 - Sept. 1870 († Dec. 2, 1903).
Rev. Thomas P. Thorpe: Sept. 1870 - June 1876;
Rev. Alexander R. Sidley: June 1876 - † Oct. 14, 1893.
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Thorpe: Nov. 1893 - † March 17, 1907.
Rev. Dr. Patrick Farrell: April 1907 - † May 1, 1909.
Rt. Rev. Msgr. George F. Murphy: May 1909 - † July 25, 1942.
Rev. William T. Moran: Jan. 1943 - † Sept. 1, 1945.
Rev. Leonard Wheatley: Oct. 1945 - June, 1956.
Rev. Caspar A. Heimann: June, 1956 - March, 1958.
Rev. James L. Hernan: March 1958 - June, 1961.
Rev. Bernard A. Blatt: June, 1961 - † May 25, 1964.
Rev. Joseph V. Butler: June, 1964 -
† Deceased

The Assistant Pastors of Immaculate Conception Parish

Rev. John Hannan: Dec. 1888 - March 1889.
Rev. James J. Hennessy: Feb. 1890 - March 1891.
Rev. James H. Halligan: March 1891 - Sept. 1891.
Rev. Patrick J. Shea: Dec. 1891 - Nov. 1893.
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. George F. Murphy: Sept. 1892 - Oct. 1893.
Rev. James J. Quinn: Nov. 1893 - Sept. 1897.
Rev. Richard B. Doyle: Nov. 1897 - July 1899.
Rev. John F. McInerney: July 1899 - June 1901.
Rev. Thomas F. Quinn: Sept. 1900 - May 1902.
Rev. Charles J. Moseley: Sept. 1902 - Dec. 1913.
Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas E. Walsh: June 1903 - June 1907.
Rev. John T. Farrell: Jan. 1907 - April 1907.
Rev. Francis J. Haley: June 1907 - April 1911.
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur J. Sawkins: Feb. 1911 - May 1912.
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph N. Trainor: May 1912 - Jan. 1918.
Rev. Bernard J. Patton: Dec. 1913 - June 1915.
Rev. William C. Ring: June 1915 - July 1931.
Rev. Joseph J. Mahony: Sept. 1917 - Sept. 1918.
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Hynes: Sept. 1918 - Sept. 1923.
The Most Rev. Joseph P. Hurley: Sept. 1923 - May 1926.
Rev. Ralph J. McMonagle: July 1926 - Aug. 1934.
Rev. John F. Mulholland: July 1931 - April 1937.
Rev. William Brendan McNamara: Aug. 1934 - March 1935.
Rev. Joseph L. Palermo: March 1935 - Oct. 1935.
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edmund A. Kirby: June 1935 - Feb. 1939.
Rev. Bartley J. Kennedy: April 1937 - May 1943.
Rev. James J. Moran: April 1939 - Jan. 1943.
Rev. John R. Kenny: May 1943 - May 1950.
Rev. John J. Hilkert: Jan. 1944 - April 1949.
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Ritty: June 1946 - Sept. 1946.
Rev. Robert A. Bonnell: April 1949 - March 1953.
Rev. George P. McDonough: May 1950 - Sept. 1955.
Rev. Miles T. White: March 1953 - Sept. 1953.
Rev. Hugh H. Bode: Sept. 1953 - June 1956.
Rev. Joseph Danko: June 1956 - June 1961.
Rev. Francis D. Curran: June 1961 - _____

Vocations to the Priesthood

Rev. Murtha Boylan, S.J. †
 Rev. Chester Burns, S.J.
 Rev. Joseph Carney †
 Rt. Rev. Msgr. Robert Delmege
 Rev. Kenan Dulzer, O.F.M.
 Rev. John Dunn, S.V.D.
 Rev. John Farrell
 Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gordon Gutman
 Most Rev. John R. Hagan †
 Rt. Rev. Msgr. Norman Kelly
 Rev. John J. McCaffrey
 Rev. Joseph McCann
 Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles McDonough
 Rt. Rev. Msgr. James McDonough †
 Rev. John McFadden, S.S.C.

Rev. Thomas McKenny †
 Rev. W. Brendan McNamara †
 Rev. Ralph McNamara †
 Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas Mulligan
 Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Nash †
 Rev. Robert O'Dea
 Rev. Vincent O'Dea
 Rev. Francis L. Osborne
 Rev. Albert Sammon, S.J.
 Rev. Charles Scanlon, S.V.D.
 Rev. Cornelius S. Shaheen, B.S. †
 Rev. William J. Shaheen, B.S. †
 Rev. John Shipman, O.S.V.
 Very Rev. Thomas Walsh †
 Rev. Ralph Zehe, O.F.M. Cap

Vocations to the Sisterhood

Ursuline Nuns

Mother M. Veronica Nash (†)
 Sister M. Transfiguration Gibbons (†)
 Sister M. Ernestine Gibbons (†)
 Sister M. Gabriel Gallagher (†)
 Sister M. Immaculata Shorb (†)
 Sister M. Lelia O'Connell (†)
 Mother M. Celestine Ahern
 Sister M. Florence Fleming (†)
 Sister Miriam Lanigan (†)
 Sister M. Estelle Foster (†)
 Sister M. Aquinas Walton (†)

Sister M. Ellen Peoples
 Sister M. Roberta Toomey
 Sister M. Carmel Gallagher
 Sister M. St. John Walton
 Sister M. Bartholomew McCaffrey
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